

# AN AIR OF GLOOM OVER FORT MYER

Mishap to Wright's Aeroplane and Killing of Lieut. Selfridge Cause Sorrow.

## MAKE OFFICIAL TESTS WHEN THEY ARE READY

Interests of the Wright Brothers Not to Be Prejudiced by the Catastrophe—Accident Found to Have Been Due to Extraordinary Vibration of Wire.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 18.—Fort Myer, the scene of yesterday's aeroplane disaster, which resulted in the death of Lieut. Thomas R. Selfridge, of the signal corps, and serious injury of Orville Wright, presented a cheerless aspect to-day. The air of gloom was reflected in the faces of the brother officers of the young lieutenant when they met at the fort this morning to make an official investigation of the accident, in the manner in which the usual morning cavalry drill was gone through with over the very ground upon which the fatal mishap was wrecked, and in the words of appreciation spoken by the chief of the signal corps, Major General O. S. S. Wright, under the direct charge of Lieutenant Selfridge.

**Buried at Arlington.**  
Lieutenant Selfridge's body was today removed from the hospital at Fort Myer to the Arlington National Cemetery, where it will be buried tomorrow morning. The body of the young officer, who was killed by the crash of his aeroplane, was taken to the Arlington National Cemetery, where it will be buried tomorrow morning.

**Makes Official Inquiry.**  
Major General O. S. S. Wright, acting chief of the signal corps, today convened the board of signal officers for the purpose of making an official inquiry into the cause of the accident. The board, which was composed of Major Charles McK. Seltman, acting as chairman, and Captains Charles S. Wallace and Lieutenant Frank P. Lahm, were the only persons permitted to see him to-day.

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# BURGLARS VISIT MARK TWAIN

Get All His Silverware and He Pines for Next One.

REDDING, CONN., September 18.—Two burglars, who broke into the residence of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) in Redding last night, were captured to-day on a New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad train between Bethel and Redding, after a desperate fight in which Deputy Sheriff Banks, of Redding, was shot in the leg.

Miss Lyon, Mr. Clemens's secretary, was aroused about midnight by the sound of breaking glass in the lower part of the house. She went softly down the stairs to find a flood of light in the dining room, and the sideboard, with its solid silver, was missing from its customary place in the room. Cautiously slipping along in the shadows to a point where she could have a view of the door, she saw which her attention had been called by an open window in the dining room, Miss Lyon saw two men forcing the doors and drawers of the sideboard, which she carried out. Miss Lyon summoned Mr. Clemens and the butler, and then telephoned for Sheriff Banks and several neighbors.

Before any of them reached the sideboard, the burglars had disappeared. The two men were captured on a train at this point after a desperate fight in which Deputy Sheriff Banks, of Redding, was shot in the leg. The burglars had forced the sideboard open and had taken the silverware. The burglars had forced the sideboard open and had taken the silverware.

**THE AEON HEARD FROM**  
Seen at Christmas Island and Her Passengers All Safe.

VICTORIA, September 18.—The missing British steamer, Aeon, which sailed from Sydney, Australia, on September 10, was heard from to-day. A brief cable dispatch reached the Aeon from Christmas Island, from the passengers of the Aeon, saying that the passengers of the Aeon were safe. The Aeon was seen at Christmas Island, from the passengers of the Aeon, saying that the passengers of the Aeon were safe.

**BYARS'S CHANCES ARE GOOD**  
Major Tyler Thinks Democrats Will Be Defeated.

**WILL USE TELEPHONE**  
Virginia Railway to Replace Telegraph with Telephone on System.

**DANIEL IN LYNCHBURG**  
Addresses Local Club, Discussing Trusts and the Tariff.

# FLEET SAILS FOR FAR-OFF MANILA

After Pleasant Stop at Western Australia Ships Proceed on Journey.

## SPERRY SENDS PREMIER MOST CORDIAL MESSAGE

Visit Has Created Better Understandings Than Years of Ordinary Intercourse Would—New York and Norfolk Want Honor of Welcoming Fleet Home.

ALBANY, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, September 18.—The American Atlantic fleet, under command of Rear-Admiral Sperry, left here at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Manila, 1,600 miles away, where it is due to arrive October 20 or 21. The fleet, which consisted of the battleship Oregon, the cruiser Albany, and the destroyer fleet, was accompanied by the Australian fleet, which consisted of the battleship Australia, the cruiser Adelaide, and the destroyer fleet.

**WAS STANDARD'S ATTORNEY**  
This Senator Foraker's Explanation of His Recent Visit to the Standard Oil Company.

**TWO MORE LETTERS WRITTEN FORAKER**  
Hearst, in Speech at St. Louis, Submits These to Refute Senator's Denial.

**ONE INCLOSED DRAFT; OTHER ASKED SERVICE**  
Further Sensational Correspondence Between Standard Oil's Attorney and Ohio Senator.

**THE STEEL TRUST CHARGE**  
Mr. Bryan Declares That He Only Stated What Everybody Knows.

**GREAT CROWD CHEERS BRYAN FOR 10 MINUTES**  
Enthusiastic Thousands, Packed in Carnegie Hall, Give Him Big Ovation.

**TALKS ON TENDENCIES OF THE REPUBLICANS**  
Arraigns the Party for Extravagance, Centralization and Imperialism, and Charges That It Is Drifting to Socialism—Talks to Street Crowd on Labor.

# MUM AS TO FORAKER

Test Declines to Discuss Hearst's Alleged Pressure on McGowan.

CINCINNATI, September 18.—Although the Hearst and Foraker controversy was the absorbing topic of political discussion to-day, there was positive insistence on the part of those who were present to keep the subject of the alleged pressure on McGowan out of the discussion. The subject was mentioned in print as coming from them. Mr. Hearst read Mr. Foraker's reply to McGowan, which was his only comment.

**TAFT WILL MEET BRYAN**  
Dixon Changes Plans and Will Have His Candidate There.

**NOT SEPARATED IN DEATH**  
Arden Lover Slays Girl Who Broke Engagement and Ends Own Life.

**LEFT ATROPINE IN WATER**  
Three Dead and Others May Die.

**INVITE "MOSSBY'S MEN"**  
Hamilton Is Strong Bidder for Fourteenth Regiment of Veterans.

**IS ALIVE IN SCOTLAND**  
William McKie, Whose Land Is About to Be Sold, Did Not End His Life.

**CHOLERA AT MANILA**  
Mantilla, September 18.—In the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock this morning, twenty-three new cases of cholera, and six deaths have been reported. The epidemic continues to recede, and a great storm is brewing in Manila, and it is believed that this will greatly assist in cleaning the city. A typhoon is raging off the coast.

**WEATHER**  
Fair and Warmer.

# PORTSMOUTH HOMES BURN

Five Are Destroyed and Three Others Seriously Damaged.

NORFOLK, VA., September 18.—A disastrous fire swept through the homes of the Portsmouth Naval Yard, destroying five houses and seriously damaging three others. The fire broke out at about 10 o'clock to-day, and spread rapidly, owing to the heavy wind. The fire was caused by a gas stove in one of the houses. The fire was caused by a gas stove in one of the houses.

**FATHER SUES FOR CHILD, BUT WRIT IS QUASHED**  
HARTFORD, CONN., September 18.—Habeas corpus proceedings were brought in the Court of Common Pleas to-day by a father to recover his 16-year-old son, who he claims is illegally held by the child's grandparents in England. The court has quashed the writ.

**SHAW URGES NEED FOR MORE ELASTIC CURRENCY**  
BALTIMORE, MD., September 18.—The annual banquet of the Maryland Bankers' Association was held at the Hotel Baltimore to-day. The speakers were Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, former Secretary of the Treasury, and United States Treasurer Charles H. Tamm. Shaw urged the need for a more elastic currency.

**LOCKOUT SEEMS CERTAIN OF 200,000 COTTON OPERATIVES**  
MANCHESTER, ENGLAND, September 18.—To-day to-night there seemed to be a real possibility that a general lockout of 200,000 cotton operatives could be avoided. The wage dispute is of long standing. The employers proposed a reduction of 10 per cent, but they finally consented to postpone the reduction until January 1st, of next year. To-day the operatives voted on the question whether or not to accept this offer.

**CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO COTTON EXCHANGE CONSTITUTION**  
NEW YORK, September 18.—A conference was held at the Cotton Exchange to-day by the Cotton Exchange and the Cotton Exchange Association of America. The conference was held to consider amendments to the constitution of the Cotton Exchange.

**FROM WINDSOR TO NEW YORK**  
NEW YORK, September 18.—The Rev. Norman Smith, of Atlanta, Ga., was installed last night as pastor of the Brooklyn Baptist Church to succeed the Rev. J. H. Britton, who resigned several months ago. Mr. Smith's last charge was at Windsor, Va.

# IMPERIAL TAKES PLANT

Amelia County Now Has Two Large Tobacco Factories.

AMELIA, September 18.—The transfer of the Allen tobacco plant to the Imperial Tobacco Company took place to-day. Mr. John Garland Jefferson has been appointed general manager for the Imperial at this point. Mr. Robert B. Barnes is assistant manager, and Mr. Mason Jefferson is bookkeeper.

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